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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 25 September 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rivin, Glinz et al., Akiyoshi et al. and Osada et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: We discussed the prior art references noted above. We made a suggestion to include claim language directed to the plurality of annular body pieces comprising first annular body pieces having leg portions that protrude outwardly and second adjacent annular body pieces having leg portions that protrude inwardly.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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